



USAID/JAMAICA— WEEKLY REPORT

May 29, 2012 Highlights:



Jeannette Vail, Director, Office of Citizen Security and Environment Programs of USAID/Jamaica brings greetings on behalf of the Mission at the Closing Ceremony at the "Dare to Care" Centre following the teaching of 3 JA programs to physically challenged, HIV-infected, or pregnant.

- ♦ **Junior Achievement:** USAID/Jamaica team members participated in the closing ceremony at the "Dare to Care" Centre following the teaching of three JA programs (Our Family; Our City and Global Marketplace) to over 90 youth (males and females) at four Mustard Seed homes. The youth range in ages from six to 40 and include persons who are physically challenged, HIV-infected, or pregnant. The lessons were taught all day on May 25 and the closing event was held in Spanish Town on Saturday, May 26. Popular motivational and career speaker Dr. Nsombi Jaja, Chief Executive Officer of Quality management Consultant Company was the guest speaker.
- ♦ **Project to Promote, Renew, Invigorate, Develop and Energize the Economic Environment (PRIDE):** On May 24 PRIDE Jamaica met with the new Customs Commissioner, Major Richard Reese and 4 of his colleagues. The Commissioner indicated he was briefed on the work of PRIDE Jamaica and was appreciative of all the support. He looks forward to continuing to build on the previous success and identified a specific need in the area of business processes re-engineering, in order to improve service efficiency and effectiveness.

- ♦ **USAID/Jamaica Basic Education project:** USAID/Jamaica Basic Education project conducted Phase 3 of the Leadership training in "Quality Teaching, Instructional Supervision and Accountability" in Region 1 (Venue – Hope Valley Experimental – St. Andrew) on May 21, 2012. Training was also conducted in Digital Storytelling on May 25, 2012, in four (4) locations as follows for CBSI Schools: Kingston – B & B University College; St. Mary – Annotto Bay All Age; St. James – Herbert Morrison Technical; and Clarendon – Osborne Store PJH.

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ **TI of the Americas 2012 Regional Conference:** Transparency International of the Americas will be hosting its first regional conference in Jamaica from Wednesday May 30—June 1, 2012 at the Breezes Runaway Bay Hotel in St. Ann. USAID/Jamaica's Mission Director, Denise Herbol will bring greetings on behalf of the Mission at the Opening Ceremony on May 30.
- ♦ **Education Community of Practice (CoP):** CoP will host a Workshop on "Overcoming the Challenges of a Multi-grade Classroom" on June 1, 2012 at the Knutsford Court Hotel. This workshop will provide training for approximately 20 teachers from 15 primary schools in Regions 1 and 2 with multi-grade classrooms. The CoP facilitator met with the workshop facilitator, a lecturer at Shortwood Teachers' College to agree on the workshop format and agenda.
- ♦ **PEPFAR Semi Annual Meeting:** PEPFAR Jamaica will be hosting its semi-annual meeting with its implementing partners on June 7, 2012 at the U.S. Embassy's Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting will highlight and share information about the impact and results of the PEPFAR program in Jamaica.